GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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DROUGHT CONDITIONS IN SOME DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Meteorological Districts have faced drought conditions during the monsoon this year;

(b) if so, the details of these districts; and

(c) the quantum of assistance rendered to these districts to help fight drought conditions?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 244 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2007

(a) to (c): As reported by the India Meteorological Department (IMD), during South-West Monsoon 2007 (1.6.2007 to 30.9.2007), out of 533 meteorological districts in the country, 124 districts received deficient rainfall (-20% to -59%) and 20 districts received scanty rainfall (-60% to -99%). The State-wise/Union Territory-wise details of districts which received deficient and scanty rainfall, during the South-West Monsoon period, is indicated below:-

State	Districts with Deficient Rainfall (Nos.)	Districts with Scanty Rainfall (Nos.)
Andhra Pradesh	1	0
Aruncahal Pradesh	3	1
Bihar	1	2
Chandigarh	1	0
Chhattisgarh	5	0
Haryana	16	1
Himachal Pradesh	5	2
Jammu & Kashmir	1	1
Jharkhand	1	0
Karnataka	1	0
Madhya Pradesh	22	2
Maharashtra	1	0
Manipur	2	0
Nagaland	1	1
Punjab	8	3
Rajasthan	14	0
Tamil Nadu	3	0
Uttar Pradesh	34	7
Uttarakhand	3	0
West Bengal	1	0

2. The Government of Madhya Pradesh have informed that drought has been recognized in 145 Tehsils in 37 districts.

3. The Government of Uttar Pradesh have informed that the State Government have declared Bundelkhand area as drought prone and provided Rs.2 crores per district to tackle the problem of drought. The State Government have also informed that Rs.108 crores have been sanctioned to 7 districts in Bundelkhand area for agriculture input subsidy i.e. Rs.20 crores for Banda district, Rs.5 crores for Chitrakoot district, Rs.16 crores for Hamirpur district, Rs.10 crores for Jalaun district, Rs.20 crores for Jhansi district, Rs.22 crores for Lalitpur district and Rs.15 crores for Mahoba district. The State Government have further informed that a special package has been prepared by the State Planning and Agriculture Department to tackle the drought situation.

4. No other State Government/Union Territory Administration has so far reported drought this year.

5. It is primarily the responsibility of the State Governments concerned to take necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities including drought. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the States with financial and logistic support. There is ready availability of funds with the States under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to take necessary measures. The Government of India and State Governments concerned contribute to CRF in the ratio of 3:1. Additional assistance, over and above CRF, is considered from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), if necessary, for natural calamities of severe nature, in accordance with an established procedure, on submission of Memorandum for assistance from the NCCF by the State Government. No memorandum for Central assistance has been received from any State Government for the current drought.